

Rangpuri language

Rajbangshi, **Rangpuri**, or **Kamatapuri**, is a Bengali-Assamese language spoken by the Rajbongshi people in India and Bangladesh, and Rajbanshi and Tajpuria in Nepal. Many are bilingual in either Bengali or Assamese.

Contents

- Names**
- Dialects**
- Comparison with related languages**
- Notes**
- References**
- External links**

Names

Rangpuri goes by numerous names. In Bangladesh, these include *Rangpuri*, *Kamatapuri*, *Rajbongshi*, and *Polia*. In India, there is *Kamatapuri*, *Rajbongshi*, *Rajbanshi*, *Goalparia*, *Surjapuri*, *Koch Rajbanshi*. In Nepal it is known as *Rajbanshi* or *Tajpuriya*. In Assam it is known as Koch-Rajbongshi and Goalpariya (which is also known as Deshi bhasha). In Bihar it is known as Surjapuri or Rajbanshi.

Dialects

The main dialects are Western Rajbanshi, Central Rajbanshi, and Eastern Rajbanshi.

The Central dialect has the majority of speakers and is quite uniform. There are publications in this language. The Western dialect has more diversity. Lexical similarity is 77 to 89% between the three dialects. Rajbonshi shares 48 to 55% of its vocabulary with Assamese and Bengali and 43 to 49% with Maithili and Nepali.

Comparison with related languages

Rangpuri	
	Rajbangshi
Native to	Bangladesh, India, Nepal
Ethnicity	Rajbongshi
Native speakers	15 million (2007) ^[2]
Language family	Indo-European <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indo-Iranian ▪ Indo-Aryan ▪ Eastern ▪ Bengali-Assamese ▪ Kamarupic ▪ Western Kamarupic^[3] ▪ Rangpuri
Writing system	Bengali-Assamese
Official status	
Official language in	 India (West Bengal) ^[4]
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Variously: rkt – Kamtapuri/Rangpuri rjs – Rajbanshi kyv – Kayort ^[1]
Glottolog	rang1265 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rang1265) Rangpuri ^[5] rajb1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rajb1243) Rajbanshi ^[6]

English	Kamarupi		Rarhi	Vangiya
	Kamtapuri	Assamese	Bengali	Sylheti
I do	Muĩ korong	Moe korű/koröng	Ami kori	Mui/Ami xori
I am doing	Muĩ koria asong	Moe kori asű/asöng	Ami korchi	Mui/Ami xoriar/xoram
I did	Muĩ korisong	Moe korisű/korisöng	Ami korechi	Mui/Ami xor(i)si
I did (perfective)	Muĩ korilung	Moe korilű/korilöng	Ami kôrlam	Mui/Ami xorlam
I did (distant)	Muĩ korisilung	Moe korisilű/korisilong	Ami korechilam	Mui/Ami xorsilam
I was doing	Muĩ koria asilung	Moe kori asilű/asilöng	Ami korchilam	Mui/Ami xorat aslam
I will do	Muĩ korim	Moe korim	Ami korbo	Mui/Ami xormu
I will be doing	Muĩ koria thakim	Moe kori thakim	Ami korte thakbo	Mui/Ami xorat táxmu

Notes

1. Hammarström (2015) Ethnologue 16/17/18th editions: a comprehensive review: online appendices
2. Kamtapuri/Rangpuri (<https://www.ethnologue.com/21/language/rkt>) at *Ethnologue* (21st ed., 2018)
Rajbanshi (<https://www.ethnologue.com/21/language/rjs>) at *Ethnologue* (21st ed., 2018)
Kayort (<https://www.ethnologue.com/21/language/kyv>[1]) at *Ethnologue* (21st ed., 2018)
3. Toulmin 2006
4. PTI (28 February 2018). "Kamtapuri, Rajbanshi ,Rangpuri make it to list of official languages in Bengal" (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190416031141/https://www.outlookindia.com/newsscroll/kamtapuri-rajbanshi-make-it-to-list-of-official-languages-in-bengal/1263116>). *Outlook India*. Archived from the original (<https://www.outlookindia.com/newsscroll/kamtapuri-rajbanshi-make-it-to-list-of-official-languages-in-bengal/1263116>) on 16 April 2019. Retrieved 8 May 2019.
5. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "[Rangpuri](http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rang1265)" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rang1265>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
6. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "[Rajbanshi](http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rajb1243)" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/rajb1243>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

References

- Toulmin, Mathew W. S. (2006). *Reconstructing linguistic history in a dialect continuum: The Kamta, Rajbanshi, and Northern Deshi Bangla subgroup of Indo-Aryan* (<https://digitalcollections.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/45743>) (Ph.D. thesis). The Australian National University. [hdl:1885/45743](https://hdl.handle.net/1885%2F45743) (<https://hdl.handle.net/1885%2F45743>).
- Wilde, Christopher P. (2008). *A Sketch of the Phonology and Grammar of Rajbanshi* (<https://eda.helsinki.fi/handle/10138/19290>) (Ph.D. thesis). University of Helsinki. [hdl:10138/19290](https://hdl.handle.net/10138/19290) (<https://hdl.handle.net/10138%2F19290>).

External links

- [Ethnologue Report on Rangpuri](http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=rkt) (http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=rkt)
- [Ethnologue Report on Rajbanshi](http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=rjs) (http://www.ethnologue.com/show_language.asp?code=rjs)

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Rangpuri_language&oldid=968604253"

This page was last edited on 20 July 2020, at 11:29 (UTC).

Text is available under the [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License](#); additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the [Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.](#), a non-profit organization.